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**CONCORDIA
UNIVERSITY**



CENTRE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Russian Area Studies



BA Major and BA Honours in Russian (Area) Studies

Russian studies would be useful to students contemplating a career in government service or in private companies and organizations which deal extensively with foreign countries. At an advanced level, the programme could lead to work in teaching or interpreting.

This programme is designed for students interested in specializing in the study of Russia. This programme combines the following disciplines: Russian language and literature, history, economics, geography, political science and philosophy.

Study at Concordia includes language as well as literature. From the beginning, the language is studied concurrently with the literature. Literary study is conducted through lectures and discussions in Russian. Cultural and historical studies accompany both.

The following courses are taught in English: Economics, History, Geography, Political Science, Philosophy. In introductory and second year language courses, both languages are used. Civilization and literature courses are taught in Russian.

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Programme Structure

BA Honours in Russian Studies

6 Chosen from Econ 201³, 203³,
Hist 218⁶.
6 Chosen from Econ 476³, S375³.
18 Russ 210⁶, 250⁶, 300⁶.
12 Hist 347⁶, 441⁶.
6 Geog S345⁶.
6 Chosen from Russ 420⁶, 430⁶, 435⁶,
470⁶, 471³.
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470⁶, 471³, Phil S365⁶, Poli 333³.

*Geography S345 may be taken for credits in the programme only when the subject matter is relevant to Russian Studies. A student who has already taken it a year when the subject matter was not thus relevant, registers under Geog S346 in meeting the degree requirement.

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Phil S365⁶, Poli 333³.

Russian 210

Introductory Course in Russian

A beginners' course in the Russian language designed to acquaint the student with pronunciation, grammar, and a basic vocabulary. Emphasis is placed on speaking, reading and writing Russian. Lectures and laboratory. (6 credits)

Russian 250

Intermediate Russian

Prerequisite: Russian 210 or equivalent.

This course consists of a complete review of Russian grammar, composition, reading and conversation. Through reading of short stories and additional material, the student is given the opportunity to acquaint himself with Russian culture and literature. (6 credits)

Russian 300

Advanced Russian Language and Stylistics

Prerequisite: Russian 250 or permission of the instructor.

This course is intended to give increased fluency and a firmer command of the language. The emphasis of the course is on stylistics and composition. Through additional reading, students are given the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the various aspects of Russian civilization. Selected texts will be discussed and analysed in Russian. (6 credits)

Russian 420

Introduction to 19th Century Russian Literature through the Short Story

Prerequisite: Russian 250 or equivalent.

The short story will be used both as subject for literary study and as reflection of the history and social pre-occupations of the period. Opportunity will be provided for discussion and some attention will be paid to composition. This course is conducted in Russian. (6 credits)

Russian 430

Soviet Literature

Prerequisite: Russian 250 or equivalent.

A general survey of Soviet prose, drama and poetry from 1917 to the present day. The aim of the course is to familiarize the student not only with the literature itself, but also with its origins and development. Opportunity will be provided for discussion and some time will be devoted to advanced composition. This course is conducted in Russian. (6 credits)

Russian 435

Russian Drama

Prerequisite: Russian 250 or permission of the instructor.

The course traces the development of Russian drama from the end of the 18th century to the present day. Such authors as D. Fonvisin, A. Gribojedov, A. Pushkin, M. Lermontov, N. Gogol, A. Ostrowski, A. Chekhov, L. Tolstoy, M. Gorki, A. Arbusov and V. Majakovskii will be discussed. This course is conducted in Russian. (6 credits)

Russian 470

Study of an Individual Russian Author I

Prerequisite: Russian 250 or equivalent.

This course is devoted to the detailed study of one Russian author, e.g. A. Pushkin, M. Lermontov, I. Turgenev. The choice of author will depend on the needs of the students. (3 credits)

Russian 471

Study of an Individual Russian Author II

Prerequisite: Russian 250 or equivalent.

This course is devoted to the detailed study of one Russian author, e.g. L. Tolstoy, F. Dostojevski, N. Gogol. The author chosen will depend on the needs of the students. (3 credits)

Economics 201

Introduction to Microeconomics

Introduction to the functioning of the market system: concepts of supply and demand; the role of prices in resource allocation; production decisions by firms. Analysis of differences between competition and monopoly and the implications for economic efficiency; theories of labour markets and wage determination. (3 credits)

Economics 203

Introduction to Macroeconomics

An introductory analysis of aggregate economic activity. The focus is on the principles of determination of the level of employment, national income, real output, inflation, and international balance of payments. The course also analyses the principles which govern the trade relations among countries. These topics are integrated by a discussion of government monetary and fiscal policies to stabilize economic activity. (3 credits)

Economics S375

Soviet Economics

Prerequisites: Economics 201 and 203

The evolution of the Soviet economic system and the policy adopted to deal with the problems of establishing and consolidating a social socialist state. Special attention is given to Lenin's role in the early economic measures such as the collectivization of farms. Other topics covered are the nature of economic planning and progress under Stalin, and the important recent reforms and modifications of the Soviet system under the impact of Liberman's proposals. (3 credits)

Economics 476

Marxian Economics

Prerequisites: Economics 301 - 302, 303 - 304; or 370, or instructor's permission.

A general survey of Marxian theory; Marx's role and influence; his predecessors and followers. Topics to be discussed include historical and dialectical materialism, the role of the proletariat in Marxian teaching, Marx and the Socialist International, the evolution of Marxian thought, Marx and the labour movement, the labour theory of value, the theory of economic development, and the breakdown of capitalism. (3 credits)

History 218

History of Europe in the Modern World

A survey of the history of European civilization. An attempt is made to present and analyze in an integrated way all aspects of European society and culture in its rise to a dominant world position. (6 credits)

History 347

History of Russia **Prerequisite: History 218**

This course traces the origin of the Slavic-speaking peoples in Europe and the emergence of the Russian Empire. After a discussion of the ideology and history of communist government in the U.S.S.R. and among the Slavic peoples. (6 credits)

History 441

Advanced Study in Russian and Soviet History **Prerequisites: History 218; History 347 or permission of the Department.**

This course deals with specific problems of Tsarist and Soviet Russia. In the Pre-Revolutionary period attention is focussed on the emancipation of the peasantry, industrialization, and the growth of the opposition parties. In the Soviet period emphasis is placed on the problems of economic growth, the changing pattern of Soviet Marxism and the nature of Soviet foreign policy. (6 credits)

Geography S345

The Geography of a Selected Region **Prerequisite: Geography S211 or S271, or second year standing in Arts.**

A detailed examination of the physical environment, the people, their history, and the present political and economic patterns within the region. The course will provide a deep understanding of the interrelationships between the constituents of the region, an appreciation of those factors responsible for regional unity and will illustrate the holistic nature of the geographical discipline. (6 credits)

Political Science 333

Soviet and East European Politics

A study of the constitutional, political and administrative system of the Soviet Union and the East European states. Emphasis will be placed on the continuing evolution of the Communist system and the changing relationship between the Soviet Union and the other states. (6 credits)

Philosophy S365

Studies in Russian Philosophy **Prerequisite: Second year standing or permission of the Department.**

Study of the main topics in the development of Russian philosophy. Topics to be discussed include: Nihilism and Anarchism, Tolstoy's Philosophy of History, Dostoyevsky's idea of evil, Marxism, Lectures and seminars. (6 credits)

A.S. Puskin Institute in Moscow offers correspondence courses in Russian. It is anticipated that annual trips to the Soviet Union will be organized.